

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Werenicz et al.

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Title: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONTINUOUS THERMOPLASTIC COATING & ARTICLES CONSTRUCTED THEREFROM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action of 10-13-00 and interview of 2-6-2001.

In the Claims

Please amend claims as follows:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

Please rewrite Claim 10 in independent form as follows:

10. A method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- b) advancing a substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds at the coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;

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